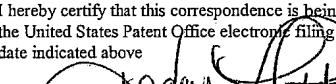


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Applicant respectfully submits that the cited art does not teach or suggest the combinations of features set forth in the Applicant's claims. By way of nonlimiting example, Applicant submits the submitted references at least do not appear to teach or suggest the feature of reading a first search mask from the selected search mask table, the first search mask comprising one or more search mask fields, each of the one or more search mask fields corresponding to one of the one or more data element values identified in the key definition, and each of the one or more search mask fields comprising a search mask field value, in combination with the other features of Applicant's independent claims.

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